

HOUSE No. 1212

By Mr. Hall of Westford (by request), petition of Ann Ray relative to the busing of school children in the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BUSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 68 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 section 68 in its entirety and inserting in place the following new
4 section 68:

5 Section 68. Notwithstanding any General or special law or any
6 rule or regulation to the contrary, every town shall provide and
7 maintain a sufficient number of schoolhouses, properly furnished
8 and conveniently situated for the accommodation of all children
9 therein and shall furnish free transportation to all such children.
10 The school committee, unless the town otherwise directs, shall
11 have general charge and superintendence of the schoolhouses,
12 shall keep them in good order, and shall, at the expense of the
13 town, procure a suitable place for the school, if there is no school-
14 house, and provide fuel and other things necessary for the comfort
15 of the pupils. Each school shall comply with the requirements
16 regarding pesticide applications as set forth in sections 6C to 6I,
17 inclusive, of chapter 132B. Whenever a town shall undertake to
18 provide a schoolhouse, the town shall appoint at least one member
19 of the school committee, or its designee, to serve on the agency.
20 Board or committee to which planning and construction or other
21 acquisition of such schoolhouse is delegated.